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SUBJECT: KOREAN PROPOSAL FOR US-ROK JOINT COMMAND

1. KYODO REPORT OF ROK DEFMIN SOH'S PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT COMMAND OF US-ROK FORCES APPEARED IN NOV 13 JAPANESE PRESS. ARTICLE QUOTED SOH AS EXPLAINING THAT JOINT COMMAND WOULD INCLUDE "US FORCES STATIONED IN FAR EAST AREAS, SUCH AS JAPAN AND GUAM." REPORT NOTED THAT PLACEMENT OF USFJ UNITS UNDER SUCH A COMMAND WOULD NULLIFY THE PRIOR CONSULTATION SYSTEM EMBODIED IN THE MST.

2. ON SAME DAY, MOFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRGEN YAMAZAKI ANSWERED A DIET INTERPELLATION ON THE INCLUSION OF USFJ UNITS IN A US-ROK COMMAND BY SAYING THAT "IT (JOINT COMMAND) IS NOTHING BUT A MERE CONCEPT, BUT EVEN IF IT IS REALIZED, THE JOINT COMMAND WILL NOT DIRECTLY COMMAND THE US FORCES IN JAPAN." IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION OF WHETHER THE MOVEMENT OF USFJ UNITS TO KOREA WOULD COME UNDER PRIOR CONSULTATIONS, FONMIN MIYAZAWA SAID THAT REDISPOSITION OF US FORCES IN JAPAN WOULD NOT BECOME AN OBJECT OF PRIOR CONSULTATIONS.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE CAN EXPECT THAT THIS ISSUE WILL BE  
RAISED IN THE FUTURE BY BOTH PRESS AND OPPOSITION. FOR OUR  
OWN REFERENCE AND RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC MOFA QUERIES, EMBASSY  
WOULD APPRECIATE BACKGROUND INFOR ON CURRENT PLANNING FOR  
SUCCESSOR COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS.  
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